

**AMENDMENT**

**In the Title**

Please replace the title with:

System and Method for Allocating Computing Resources of a Distributed Computing System

**In the Specification**

On page 1, in the text before paragraph 0001 (added by Preliminary Amendment), please replace the paragraph under the heading "CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED

APPLICATION" with the following:

This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/355,274, filed February 8, 2002, the entirety of which is incorporated by reference herein.